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Dear BB&N Parents,

With a network of parents more than 1,500 strong, the BB&N Parents' Association (PA) strives to keep you connected to and informed about activities at the school. We have a very busy calendar full of PA events involving groups of parents, students, and faculty. The *BB&N Parents' Association webpage* can help provide a better understanding of all the various activities and how you can participate. Go to www.bbns.org and click on the Parents' tab.

Who belongs to the BB&N Parents' Association?

Every adult family member with parenting responsibilities for a student at BB&N is a member of the BB&N Parents' Association.

Why PA Dues?

The goal of Parents' Association dues is to create an equitable funding program that supports PA operations and frees parents from being asked to give to the PA numerous times throughout the year. Being able to launch each school year with an operating budget that the PA can count on (and to which most BB&N parents have contributed) allows the PA to focus on our mission of building community, welcoming new families, and sponsoring successful activities.

In doing so, it is our hope that parents who wish to be involved with fundraising at BB&N can focus their energies on the vital development efforts (such as the Circus, the BB&N Fund, the Senior Parents' Gift Committee) that support financial aid, faculty professional development, and capital building projects.

How much will dues cost and when will I be billed?

After careful study of PA dues programs at peer schools, the BB&N Board of Trustees approved our request for a sum of \$50 per student to be billed on each student's first tuition bill. A cap of \$100 (cost for 2 students maximum) per family has been established.

Has consideration been made for families on financial aid?

Dues for families receiving financial aid will be waived. However, all parents are welcome to contribute to the Parents' Association on a voluntary basis at any time. All financial transactions will be handled through the BB&N Business Office, and this information will be held in strict confidentiality by the Business and Financial Aid offices.

What will the revenues generated by PA Dues pay for?

Dues contributions generate the approximately \$35,000 needed to help the PA to communicate and build community across all three campuses. PA dues help support student events such as picnics, dances, and ice cream socials. They will benefit faculty and staff through appreciation events. PA dues also support the parent affinity groups, grade social events, meeting refreshments, and Arts and Athletics spirit events.

Dues defray the out-of-pocket expenses borne by our parents who also give their time and energy to support these many activities, including reimbursement for food, drinks, paper goods, printing and other items necessary for the success of PA programs. We hope this will encourage more parents to participate in PA activities!

Donations of food and other festive touches for various events will continue to be an important component of PA volunteerism on all three campuses.

If you should have further questions or comments, please contact me or your campus PA Vice President.

Sincerely,
Karen Donovan P '18, '20
President, Parents' Association 2017-2018